

work with our children. The bill also requires the U.S. Department of Education to make these recommended standards and best practices electronically accessible, so schools, teachers, and policymakers around the country can put them to use improving our schools.

I urge my colleagues to support this legislation to help improve the quality of American educators by bringing stakeholders together to evaluate what is working, where we are deficient, and to recommend the actions necessary to elevate the education profession in the United States to a standard that serves our children best.

#### CELEBRATING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF SERVICE COORDINATORS

##### HON. STEVE STIVERS

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 19, 2019*

Mr. STIVERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the people of Ohio's 15th Congressional District to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the American Association of Service Coordinators.

Service coordinators work in all U.S. states and territories, but Ohio is where they look to for training, advocacy and support thanks to AASC. In 1999, Janice Monks founded the membership organization out of her home in Central Ohio, which was one of the first regions where service coordinators joined the staff of affordable housing properties with the help of federal grants.

Over the past two decades, AASC has created a documentation system for service coordinators to more easily track and report resident outcomes and has collaborated with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to create a formal guidebook outlining industry standards and practices. This year, the organization hosted its largest annual National Service Coordinator Conference in Denver, Colorado and membership exceeded 3,300.

AASC's purpose is to serve as a constant support for service coordinators who empower their residents to live well. Service coordinators serve as a lifeline for hundreds of thousands of low-income seniors and families who need connected to vital supports that keep them living independently or help them move up and out of poverty. In the course of that work, service coordinators also play an integral role in realizing nationwide policy goals such as reducing healthcare costs, keeping older adults in their communities and increasing self-sufficiency.

In honor of AASC's anniversary, service coordinators across the country are celebrating Service Coordinator Day today. My colleagues may be hearing from service coordinators who are recognizing the anniversary by sharing with Congressional offices the profound impact this profession has on our nation's most vulnerable.

I wish to congratulate President Janice Monks and the American Association of Service Coordinators on this milestone anniversary and convey my most sincere appreciation for their dedication to service.

#### HONORING HARRISON HEUTINCK

##### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 19, 2019*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Harrison Heutinck. Harrison is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1376, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Harrison has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Harrison has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Harrison has served his troop as Senior Patrol Leader, earned the rank of Firebuilder in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say, and become an Ordeal Member of the Order of the Arrow. Harrison has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Harrison removed and rebuilt a deteriorating staircase in the basement of the Clay County Historical Society Museum in Liberty, Missouri.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Harrison Heutinck for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

#### HONORING DOWNTOWN FLORIST FOR FIFTEEN YEARS OF BUSINESS IN MASSENA, NY

##### HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 19, 2019*

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Downtown Florist on their 15th anniversary serving the Town of Massena.

Downtown Florist was founded in 2005 by Patty and Kenny Wells. With their vision, they transformed a long-vacant gas station into a community staple. Small businesses like Downtown Florist are the backbone of the North Country's economy. They generate the majority of employment and job creation, while driving investment in our local communities. However, most small businesses do not make it longer than five years. For that reason, the 15th anniversary of a business is an achievement worth celebrating.

On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I want to congratulate Patty and Kenny Wells for reaching this impressive milestone. They are a great example of the entrepreneurial spirit that defines New York's 21st district. I look forward to their continued success.

#### THE MODERN ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATES TAKES SHAPE: AOG HISTORY PART III (1946-1995) SECTION B

##### HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 19, 2019*

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise to include in the RECORD section B of the third installment of an article by Keith J. Hamel honoring the 150th Anniversary of the West Point Association of Graduates:

##### WPAF DISSOLVED

AOG celebrated its centennial in 1969, although there is no mention of the Association recognizing its 100th year of existence in any AOG publication that year (it wasn't even brought up at the annual meeting!). In the first year of the Association's second century, two events occurred that significantly changed the direction of AOG: First, Paul Thompson '29 was elected President; second, Major General William Knowlton '43JAN took over as Superintendent from Major General Samuel Koster '42. Thompson and Knowlton, as it turned out, were made for each other, as each was interested in reorganizing and reforming the work of AOG. Weeks before his departure, Koster had announced plans to raise \$10 million through WPAF in order to endow cadet activities, calling the plan the "\$10 Million Cadet Activities Endowment." Ambitious (since, from its inception in 1961, the West Point Fund had raised just \$1.02 million), Koster's plan reportedly resulted in a 369-percent increase in contributions over FY1969, but Knowlton suspended it in the spring of 1970 fearing "that there may be some duplication of our fund-raising efforts" and announcing that "a study is being made to sort out our alumni-related fund-raising efforts." A year later, in the 1971 Annual Report of the Superintendent, Knowlton declared, "Pending at present is a reorganization and consolidation of the West Point Alumni Foundation and the Association of Graduates." To hasten this shakeup, Knowlton had earlier introduced plans to remove the active duty officer from the Office of Assistant to the Superintendent (Gifts Program) who had been working for AOG, and thus limiting the Association's ability to solicit funds for USMA, and to establish the Alumni Affairs and Gifts Program Division, a precursor to today's Directorate of Academy Advancement.

While Knowlton forced the merger between AOG and WPAF, it was up to Thompson to seal the deal. As noted in Lamb's report, the leadership at WPAF feared that funds raised would be directed to AOG "and that USMA at most would get crumbs." At a fall 1970 meeting, Thompson convinced George Olmsted and Cortlandt Schuyler, both Class of 1922 and key WPAF Board members, that this would not be the case. Just a few years earlier, Schuyler had served as AOG President, and his views were valued by Board members of both organizations. Schuyler agreed to work with Thompson on the details of the reorganization, and the following fall they presented these details to the WPAF Board of Managers, who ultimately "decided that it would be in USMA's best interests to transfer its fundraising and publishing responsibilities and all its assets to AOG." On February 8, 1972, AOG and WPAF signed two memorandums of agreement (one for fundraising and one for publishing) to that effect. To that point in time, WPAF had raised \$1.8 million for the Academy. It continued its existence as a backup to AOG from